

## **MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Government Code § 54954 that the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

**Field Trip:** Meet at Conejo Recreation and Park District parking lot at 12:15 p.m. for a walking tour of the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden. A picnic lunch will be provided to members at Conejo Community Park. Members of the public who wish to join are welcome to bring a sack lunch.

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Public Testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.
- IV. Reports from Staff:
  - (a) Legal;
  - (b) Ranger Services;
  - (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
  - (d) Interpretation;
  - (e) Developed Resources;
  - (f) Construction;
  - (g) Facilities and Maintenance;
  - (h) Finance.
- V. Consent Calendar:
  - (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of March 27, 2008 to April 30, 2008.
  - (b) Consideration of a resolution authorizing a contract with Zusser Company, Inc. for construction of the Confluence Park project, Los Angeles.
  - (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Bragg and Associates for risk management services.

- (d) Consideration of resolution amending contract with SCI for further research and analysis on long term funding sources.
- (e) Consideration of resolution entering into a professional services contract with Jarvis Fay and DePorto for legal services.
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of the following offers to dedicate trail easements for public hiking and equestrian use: Minden/Bruesselbach/5-87-065, located 847 Malibu Meadows Drive in Calabasas, Los Angeles County; Ogle/Carmichael/5-87-103, located at 6743 Fernhill Drive in Malibu, Los Angeles County; and Bridgeman/5-84-694, located at 3415 Cross Creek Road in Malibu, Los Angeles County.
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to lease agreement with American Tower, LP, at Sage Ranch Park.
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the adoption of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation (MRCA) Safety Manual.
- (i) Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 08-42 authorizing the acceptance of a conservation easement over a section of a 20-foot wide walkway to be vacated by the City of Los Angeles, adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Serrania Ridge Property, and over a section of APN 2172-025-013, Woodland Hills.
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Student Conservation Association for implementation of a conservation intern program.
- (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the use of Prop A Excess funds, for parcels in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreements 2531, 2535, 2571, and 2592, and authorizing the acquisition of parcels in Chapter 8 Agreement 2592, using public, private, and in-lieu mitigation funds, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- (l) Consideration of resolution adding APNs 4371-027-011, 4371-027-018, 4371-038-009, and 4380-028-006 to the Final Engineer's Report, and using Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire said parcels, Beverly Glen, City of Los Angeles.

- (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of parcels in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2608, using public, private, and in-lieu mitigation funds, Topanga Canyon, Latigo Canyon, Zuma Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
  - (n) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of public and private funds and the acquisition of parcels in a Ventura County Chapter 8 Agreement using public, private and in-lieu mitigation funds, north and south Simi Hills, Box Canyon, northern Moorpark, Oxnard plain, and Las Lajas Canyon, Ventura County.
  - (o) Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for an augmentation of grant SMM-0752 for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration project.
  - (p) Consideration of resolution assigning rights to the Watershed Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds to fund the South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition Project, along the Los Angeles River, City of South Gate.
  - (q) Consideration of resolution authorizing the "Vote and Hike" program.
- VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for the preservation, protection and restoration of Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Calabasas.
- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of additional Proposition 84 funds for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project.
- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for interpretive program development and delivery for ranger led public programs and ranger-led interpretive programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.
- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the State Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for the Ballona Wetlands Early Action Plan project.
- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for an amendment to the scope of work of SMM-0741, and authorizing a grant to the City of San Fernando for project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park.
- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the application for grant funds for the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002, the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).
- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of up to two Chevrolet Tahoe SUV hybrid vehicles for long term evaluation and use.
- XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation and authorizing a sole source contract with Players Turf USA for the installation of a soccer field at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.
- XV. Consideration of resolution re-authorizing participation in the Cooperative Management Agreement for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.
- XVI. Consideration of resolution authorizing negotiation with the Claretian Missions to purchase part or all of collection of Gillette/Clarence Brown/Claretian era furnishings for King Gillette Ranch mansion.
- XVII. Consideration of resolution adding APNs 4383-016-002, 003, 004, 006, 007 and 011 to the District No. 1 Final Engineers Report and authorizing the use of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire said six parcels and APNs 4380-034-004 and 4383-016-002, 003, 004, 006, 007, 009 and 011 all totaling 17.65 acres in Beverly Glen and Benedict Canyons.
- XVIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval of Master License and Agreement for management and operation of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy properties by the MRCA and amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Operations and Management of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Properties and Exchange of Services, Equipment, and Office Facilities.
- XIX. Consideration of resolution authorizing an agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for staff services.
- XX. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

XXI. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 5. (1) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. LC077488; (3) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC377233; (4) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related litigation, and (5) *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

XXII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Public comment is welcome on any agenda item and matters not on the agenda. During the meeting the Governing Board may hold a closed session on any item pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Unless otherwise ordered, individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be given five minutes. For further information on any agenda item please contact Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, at (310) 589-3230, extension 112.

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